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In re Application of:

Guy L. STEELE, JR.

Application No.: 10/035,589

Filed: December 28, 2001

For: FLOATING POINT UNIT FOR
DETECTING AND
REPRESENTING INEXACT
COMPUTATIONS WITHOUT
FLAGS OR TRAPS

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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF PATENT FROM ISSUE

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313, Applicant hereby respectfully petitions the Assistant Commissioner to withdraw the above-identified application from issue. According to the fee schedule set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), the required fee of \$130.00 for consideration of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

This request for a withdrawal from issue of a prospective United States patent is made for the causes set forth below which it is respectfully submitted constitute good and sufficient reasons for the action sought.

On November 4, 2004, Applicant mailed an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) for consideration by the Examiner, along with a statement that the submission was made before the mailing of a first Office Action. However, on October 27, 2004, the

Examiner mailed a first action Allowance, closing prosecution. Subsequently, the issue fee was paid on January 27, 2005. Because the Information Disclosure Statement of November 4, 2004 was actually mailed after mailing of a first Office Action, but did not include the statement required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), the Examiner refused to consider the references therein (Supplemental Notice of Allowability mailed March 11, 2005).

In order to obtain consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement of November 4, 2004, Applicant submits a Request for Continued Examination, together with the appropriate fee. The Information Disclosure Statement, together with the appropriate fee and statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), are provided for consideration by the Examiner. Minor corrections are also made to the specification.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be withdrawn from issue.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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